



## Inside this issue:

*PWB/RD New Appointments* **2**

*SCI Helps Small Communities* **3**

*DWSRF Awards Listed* **4**

*Quarterly Meeting Highlights* **5**

*OFM Infrastructure Inventory* **6**

*2006 Conferences & Events* **6**

*Take The WaWizQuiz* **7**

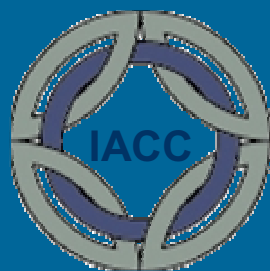
## IACC Quarterly

IACC Quarterly is produced quarterly by the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), which promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local programs, works to enhance efficiency and coordination in the delivery of financial and technical assistance, acts as a forum to discuss issues that get in the way of helping local governments meet their infrastructure needs, and sponsor training workshops and conferences in these arenas throughout the year.

### Editor

**Christina Gagnon**

*Chris.Gagnon@DOH.WA.GOV*



# IACC Quarterly

IACC Quarterly

Winter 2005

## The 2005 IACC Conference Big Success

By Bill Cole

**T**he 2005 Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council Conference was very successful. We had 328 people registered for the conference.

Highlights of the Conference included:

- # 12 Tech Teams
- # 27 Training Sessions
- # 32 Program Sessions
- # 24 Vendors
- # 10 Sponsors

Again this year, Right Systems, Inc. handled all of our computer and projector needs and it was a tremendous help to staff to have them there.

They also supplied and staffed the Computer Room/Internet Café.

People were able to try out different software, use the Internet, look at their email, and check the pass reports while at the conference. A big thanks to Sean Padgett of RSI!

We had another good turn out at the Social Event on Wednesday night. Many people ate, drank, talked



*Right! Systems Inc. presented a session on technology and infrastructure, including emergency management and disaster recovery. RSI provided laptops and projectors for all the conference sessions.*

and danced. There was plenty of good food and music.

Many of the people at the conference took part in our Trading Card game and 24 people walked away with raffle prizes donated by our vendors. We also received 73 comments/suggestions and evaluations with helpful ideas that we will be working to implement.

I want to also thank

everyone within IACC who helped put the conference together this year. Your time and effort really paid off!

Because of this year's success and the number of people who attended the conference, we have scheduled future conferences in Wenatchee for 2006, 2007, & 2008. Watch for more information in the coming months for the 2006 IACC Conference.

### Governor Gregoire signs Executive Order 05-05

Executive Order 05-05 establishes review by Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and Tribes for all state capital projects and land acquisitions for impacts to historic and cultural resources. The Executive Order can be viewed at <http://www.oahp.wa.gov/>.



***Kelly Snyder's appointment comes in concert with a decision to elevate the Public Works Board to a division in CTED, an acknowledgement of the importance of infrastructure investment to Washington's economic vitality.***

## Snyder Appointed State Public Works Board Executive Director

Kelly Snyder has been appointed Executive Director of the Public Works Board at the state Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED). Snyder will oversee the Public Works Board, a state program that provides critical infrastructure needs to Washington's local governments and communities.

The appointment comes in concert with a decision to elevate the Public Works Board to a division in CTED, an acknowledgement of the importance of infrastructure investment to Washington's economic vitality.

Snyder comes to the board with extensive experience in working with local government to help meet, manage, educate, involve and develop public policy alternatives and infrastructure financing options. While Snyder

has been working in the private sector as a principal in an engineering consulting firm, her clients have been local governments including cities, counties and special purpose districts.

From Roth Hill Engineering Partners, LLC in Bellevue, Washington, Snyder assisted in the development of 12 water and sewer comprehensive plans. She also managed several initiatives to assist public works officials in responding to the Growth Management Act, Endangered Species Act, and Disaster Planning.

Snyder completed her Executive Masters in Public Affairs at the Daniel J. Evans School of Business at the University of Washington in December. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Urban, Social and Political Geography also from the University of Washington.

Snyder assumed her new duties on December 5.

The purpose of the Public Works Board is to provide financial assistance to local government and private water systems for critical public works projects and to encourage self-reliance at the local level.

The Board administers two major funding sources: the Public Works Assistance Account, which funds all Public Works Trust Fund programs; and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which funds all Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans.

CTED is the lead state agency charged with enhancing and promoting sustainable community and economic vitality in Washington State. For more information, please visit [www.pwb.wa.gov](http://www.pwb.wa.gov).

## DeVaney Named As New USDA Rural Development State Director

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns named Jon DeVaney as the Washington State Director for USDA Rural Development based out of Olympia.



"Jon DeVaney has a thorough understanding of agricultural and rural issues," said Johanns. "The Bush Administration is pleased to

have him as a key member of our team, working to enhance economic opportunities for the residents of rural Washington State."

DeVaney

served as Deputy District Director in the Yakima, Washington Office of U.S. Representative Doc Hastings, a position he had held since

2003. He previously served on Congressman Hastings' staff as a legislative assistant and field representative.

He is also a former Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs for the Northwest Horticultural Council, where he managed legislative and regulatory issues at the federal and international level for the tree fruit industry of Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

## SCI Helps Small Communities Upgrade Water Systems

**By Cathi Read**  
*SCI Program Manager*

**T**he Small Communities Initiative (SCI) is a collaborative effort of the state departments of Health, Ecology, and Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED).

SCI staff assist small, rural communities that need to upgrade their drinking water or wastewater systems to comply with regulations and/or to provide capacity for community and economic development. Communities are nominated to participate in the program by Health and Ecology regional offices.

In the communities, SCI staff serve as facilitators, technical advisors, and resource brokers to help local elected officials, city staff, and citizens develop an action plan and funding strategy for their infrastructure upgrade project(s).

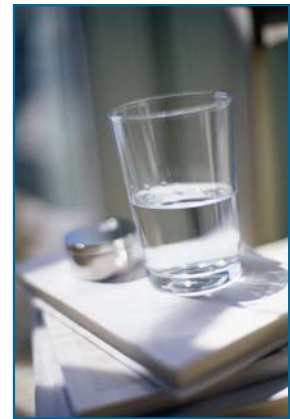
"We feel that this program is wonderful," said Eileen Wartchow, Clerk-Treasurer, Lyman. "There are so many things that need to be done and small towns just don't have the personnel that have the education it takes to understand some of the projects or the money to finance them."

Since 1999, over

\$32 million in state and federal funds has been invested in SCI communities.

In 2005, CTED secured funding from the Public Works Assistance Account to add a second SCI staff person to the program for the 2005-7 biennium. Janice Roderick was selected and began work on September 1, 2005. The funding for the other position is provided equally by Health, Ecology, and CTED's Community Development Block Grant Program.

For more information contact Cathi Read, SCI Program Manager, at 360-725-3016 or [cathir@cted.wa.gov](mailto:cathir@cted.wa.gov).



### Fast Fact

*More than \$24.5 million has been secured for infrastructure projects in 11 communities since the Small Communities Initiative Program began in 1999, resulting in safer drinking water, environmental protection, and more communities with infrastructure that will be able to serve community and economic development activities in the future.*

### Photos by Debbie Harper USDA Rural Development

**C**overed bridges dot the rural landscape across America, recalling a bygone era of homesteads with horse and buggy. Believe it or not, Washington State has one in use—just one.

Tucked away in a remote area of Wahkiakum County, the Grays River empties into the Columbia River. Grays River is named after Captain Robert Gray, who discovered the Columbia River (which was named after Captain Gray's ship). The 158 foot Grays River Covered Bridge is located just off State Highway 4,

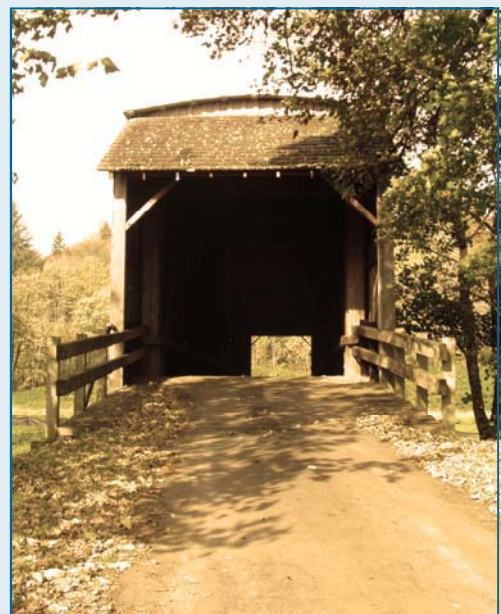


between Longview and Naselle and is the last of its kind on a public highway in Washington State. Built in 1905 for a mere \$2,700, the bridge was restored to its original luster in the late 1980s at a cost of \$296,000.

The bridge is worth a visit, especially from spring through autumn.

In fact, just last August, residents of the nearby small community of Grays River marked the 100 year anniversary at the bridge with a

blessing in Swedish (language of the original pioneers to the area) with the hopes of many celebrations in the years to come will bring more visitors to the area.





# Washington State Department of Transportation

## **WSDOT's Quarterly Performance Measures Report**

Find out how WSDOT is performing in the latest Gray Notebook, also called "Measures, Markers and Milestones."

The September 30th edition of the latest Gray Notebook cov-

ers the third quarter of 2005, and is now available on the WSDOT Website at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/accountability/>.

Included in the *Gray Notebook*: report on Milestone Reporting of Nickel projects; overall analysis of the delivery performance and the final cost of highway construction

projects from the past year; how performance measures link to WSDOT's strategic plan, Washington State's "Priorities of Government" (POG) and the Governor's "Government Management Accountability and Performance" (GMAP); discussion of highway congestion and traffic delay; and an an-



nual bridge condition update.

## **DWSRF Awards for Sustainable Public Health Protection**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency presented a Sustainable Public Health Protection Award to Washington's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF).



As one of 10 winners nationwide, the program is "an example of innovative and effective use of DWSRF financing and program mechanisms."

The DWSRF program has an extremely effective partnership. The DWSRF and the Water System Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program (WSARP) are jointly administered by Department of Health, Public Works

Board, and the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

WSARP grant funds help municipal water systems acquire and rehabilitate public water systems that have water quality problems or have been allowed to deteriorate to a point where public health is an issue.

The Public Works Board also manages the Public Works Trust Fund.

The Public Works Trust Fund loan cycle coincides with the DWSRF cycle so funding can be coordinated for various project types and recipient sizes.

The agencies also coordinate with USDA Rural Development, as well as other federal agencies to create funding packages to help economically challenged water systems afford their im-

provements. These packages are typically combined grants and loans.

The Sustainable Public Health Protection Award is given to one state from each of the 10 U.S. EPA regions. EPA regional offices were invited to submit nomination applications based on mandatory guidelines.

The states selected serve as examples of innovative and effective use of the DWSRF financing and programmatic mechanisms. Winners were recognized at the national meeting of the Council for Infrastructure Finance Authorities (CIFA) in Chicago, IL, in November 2005.

The nomination materials will be shared with all EPA regional offices to highlight examples of creative activities being carried out across the country.

## IACC Quarterly Meeting Nov. 7, 2005

### IACC OFFICER/ BOARD ELECTIONS – VOTE

- # Cecilia Gardener was re-elected Chair.
- # Chris Gagnon was re-elected Vice-chair
- # Jacquie Andresen was re-elected Secretary
- # Debbie Harper was elected Treasurer.
- # Ashley Probart was elected to the Board Associations position.
- # Janice Roderick was elected to the Board State position.

### PROGRAM UPDATES

#### USDA RD

- Jon Devaney, the newly appointed State Director, started in November. The 2007 Farm Bill listening forum was hosted by the Secretary of Agriculture in Spokane on November 3rd. Comments on the proposed bill can be made at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

#### Indian Health Services

- the appropriation will be signed and approved before the fiscal year end. They are working on a conference for the tribes in the spring.

#### Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- Washington's allotment has been reduced due to the recent EPA Needs Survey and potential hurricane legislation.

### Small Communities Initiative Program

- staff will be working with the towns of Outlook, Mansfield, Concrete, and possibly Rock Island.

#### CDBG

-there will be \$2 million less. They are submitting a supplemental budget request for next year. The General Purpose funding round ends November 17th, which has 7 million available.

#### Dept. of Ecology

- the FY 2007 application cycle just closed and they received 81 applications. The SRF program may have approximately \$45 million available in funding for FY 2007, which is a substantial reduction from the \$60 million available last year.

#### Public Works Board

- OFM's Infrastructure Inventory Study is due December 1st. The Governor's Office is wrapping up the Drought Committee & looking ahead for ways to coordinate infrastructure issues.

#### WSDOT

- the Transportation Enhancement program grant application cycle closed November 1st. Updates are available at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/TA/ProgMgt/Grants/>.

#### Bond Cap program

- there is ample available this year due to an increase in an annual limit on tax exempt private activity bonds and decreased demand because of low interest rates.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

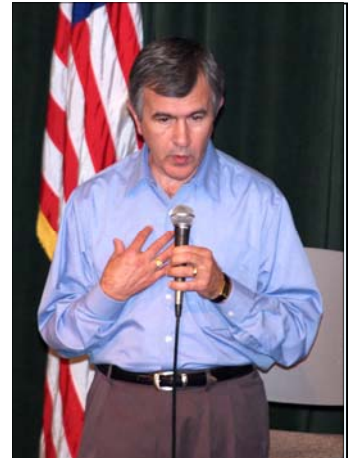
**The Technology Committee** needs to meet with TIB regarding the ongoing maintenance of the IACC website. Rich Struna has taken a position with OFM and we need to make some decisions about the future of the Website/Database and LINAS.

**The Education/Communications Committee** has worked with Boise State University in the past to design the IACC newsletter. Phil Eggman with USDA RD has recently volunteered to take this on. Chris Gagnon will still be the lead editor and needs articles for the next newsletter by December 15th. Bill Cole offered to do a write up on the 2005 Conference and also one regarding the OFM Infrastructure Inventory Study.

**The Executive Committee** has been assigned to update the current MOA. Cecilia Gardener has agreed to take on this task.

**Conference Committee** – 309 have pre-registered for the conference, with 24 vendors and 10 sponsors signed up.

**The 2006 IACC Conference** is booked at the Wenatchee Coast Conference Center for October 31st-November 2nd, 2006. We requested Bill Cole to book October 22nd-25th, 2007 for the following conference.



Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns held a USDA Farm Bill listening session November 3 with over 500 Washington State farmers, ranchers, and growers at Eastern Washington University's Showalter Hall Auditorium in Cheney.

Joining Secretary Johanns on the stage was Moderator Bob Hoff, of the Northwest Ag Information Network, and 5th District Congresswoman Cathy McMorris.

Specifically, USDA is interested in the challenges facing new farmers and ranchers as they enter agriculture; the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture in global and domestic markets; the appropriateness and effectiveness of the distribution of farm program benefits; the achievement of conservation and environmental goals; the enhancement of rural economic growth and opportunities to expand agricultural products, markets and research.

## Inventory and Evaluation of State's Public Infrastructure Programs and Funds

The State's Office of Financial Management (OFM) has engaged the policy and management-consulting firm of Berk & Associates to conduct an inventory and policy-oriented evaluation of the State's various infrastructure programs and funding sources. Transportation and information technology programs and funds are specifically excluded from this study.

Key outcomes of the project are expected to include:

- A clear understanding of the State's current infrastructure funding system, including its strengths, challenges and opportunities.
- An assessment of how Washington's infrastructure funding system relates to models in other states and models of best practice nationally.
- A strategic assessment of how effectively and efficiently the current system is operating – from both process and outcome perspectives.
- Potential policy-oriented recommendations to be developed for consideration by the Governor and the 2006 Legislative session.

The Program and Funding Evaluation Work Plan was conducted from September–November, 2005. A draft report was submitted to OFM in November, and the final report was due in December.

Cecilia Gardener, IACC Chair, and Bill Cole, IACC Conference Chair, were interviewed by Berk & Associates for input on the draft report, regarding the IACC's role in infrastructure financing in Washington State. A letter commenting on the report was submitted, stating the draft report did not give sufficient credit to the ongoing collaboration and coordination between the various infrastructure programs and agencies at the staff level in regard to providing technical assistance to local governments. In addition, local government perspectives need to be included in any strategic direction to be developed.

The final report has been delivered to OFM, and is currently under review by OFM, and the Governor.

## 2006 Conferences & Events

**The Pacific Northwest Ground Water Expo** takes place Feb. 3-4, 2006, in Portland, Oregon.

**The 2006 NGWA Naturally Occurring Contaminants Conference:** Arsenic, Radium, Radon, and Uranium slated for February 6-7, 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**The 2006 NGWA Fly-in** will take place in Washington, DC, March 6-7. This annual event provides the opportunity for attendees to talk with congressional members and their staffs about issues important to the ground water industry.

**The 5th International Conference on Pharmaceuticals and Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Water** takes place in Costa Mesa, California, March 13-15, 2006.

**The 2006 Ground Water Summit** returns to San Antonio, Texas, April 23-26.

**San Francisco, California is the setting for the 2006 NGWA Western Focus Ground Water Conference** taking place May 16-17, 2006.

**The 2006 NGWA Ground Water and Environmental Law Conference** takes place in Chicago, Illinois, July 6-7, 2006.



**The 21st Century Ground Water Systems Conference** is scheduled to take place October 12-13, 2006, in Costa Mesa, California.

**American Water Works Association's (AWWA) Conservation and Water Resources Conference** will be held Feb. 5-8, 2006, Albuquerque, N.M. Contact <http://www.awwa.org/conferences/sources/> for more information.

**Evergreen Rural Water of Washington Annual Conference** will take place Feb. 14-16, 2006 at the Yakima Convention Center. For details, access <http://www.erwow.org/annualconference.htm>.

**Washington State University's 2006 Road Builders Clinic** will take place Feb. 28, 2006–March 2, 2006 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. For information, access <http://capps.wsu.edu/conferences/rbc/>.

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) application workshops** are scheduled for February–March 2006. For information, contact Chris Gagnon at

(360) 236-3095, [chris.Gagnon@doh.wa.gov](mailto:chris.Gagnon@doh.wa.gov), or [http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our\\_main\\_pages/dwsrf.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our_main_pages/dwsrf.htm).

**Public Works Trust Fund application workshops** are scheduled for February–March 2006. For information, contact (360) 586-4128 or [www.pwb.wa.gov/](http://www.pwb.wa.gov/).

**Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts 2006 Spring Conference & Trade Show** will be held April 20 & 21, 2006 at the Ocean Shores Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA. For details, see <http://www.waswd.org/>.

**American Water Works Association (AWWA) 2006 Annual Conference and Exhibition** is scheduled for June 11-15, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. For details, see <http://www.awwa.org/>.

**The Association of Washington Cities 2006 Annual Conference** will be held in Spokane, WA on June 20-23, 2006. See [www.awcnet.org](http://www.awcnet.org) for details.

**The Washington Finance Officer Association** will hold its annual conference September 13-16, 2006 in Tacoma, WA. See <http://www.wfoa.org/> for more information.



## Rural Communities Can Apply For Preserve American Initiative

Preserve America is a White House initiative to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of our priceless cultural and natural heritage.

The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

Designation as a Preserve America Community provides national recognition for what communities have already achieved, while also serving as a way to enhance the contribution of heritage tourism and other economic development strategies to their economies.

This unique designation indicates that the community is working to preserve and use its heritage assets as building blocks for the future.



*Historic Columbia County Courthouse in Dayton, a Preserve America Community, is the oldest working courthouse in Washington State.*

Five million dollars is available for FY 2006 for projects that focus on creative public-private partnerships that can serve as models to other communities to advance national goals of historic preservation, heritage tourism and education, and related economic development.

The grants will encourage sustainable

resource management strategies and sound business practices to ensure the long-term success of projects and the continued preservation of heritage assets. The grants are administered by the Department of the Interior's National Park Service.

Grant applications can be found at:

[www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg/PreserveAmerica/index.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg/PreserveAmerica/index.htm) or  
[www.PreserveAmerica.gov](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov).

Other agencies, such as USDA Rural Development will also give priority points to projects in communities with this designation.

Washington has the following communities currently designated as Preserve America Communities: Dayton, Ritzville, Edmonds, Vancouver, Roslyn, and Spokane.

Communities are added quarterly and we encourage you to see if you meet the criteria outlined on the website and apply for your Designation



### WaWizQuiz

<http://access.wa.gov/washington/WAWizQuiz.aspx>  
Answers on Page 8



**Question 1: In 1907, what car-related business opened for the first time on Seattle's water-front?**

- Gas station
- Repair shop
- Car wash
- Used car lot

**Question 2: What Northwest animal is related to the Australian kangaroo?**

- The pocket gopher
- The raccoon
- The snowshoe rabbit
- The opossum

**Question 3: The Washington State Seal was originally created by jeweler Charles Talcott. Which of the following items did he use to create the first state seal?**

- A silver dollar
- An ink bottle
- A postage stamp
- All of the above

**Question 4: What small King County community was named by spelling a man's name backwards?**

- Thomas
- Nagrom
- Palmer
- Northrop

**Question 5: Which of the following trees is an important lumber tree east of the cascades?**

- The western white pine
- The yellow pine
- The pacific yew
- The Sitka spruce



**IACC**  
**PO Box 48319**  
**Olympia, WA**  
**98504-8319**

**Phone: 360-586-4123**  
**Fax: 360-664-3029**  
*Chris.Gagnon@DOH.WA.GOV*

## WaWizQuiz Answers



**Answer 1:** The world's first Gas Station opened in Seattle in 1907. To see lots of great gas station memorabilia, visit the strange and wonderful General Petroleum Museum in Seattle.

**Answer 2:** Native to the southwestern United States, the opossum is the only North American animal that represents the mammal family of Australian kangaroos.

**Answer 3:** Charles Talcott used an ink bottle and a silver dollar to draw the inner and outer circles of the seal. He pasted a postage stamp with George Washington's picture in the middle. Quickly adopted by the Legislature, the original seal is still used by the Secretary of State today.

**Answer 4:** Nagrom was named for E. C. Morgan who was the president of the mill company located at the railroad stop in that area in 1911.

**Answer 5:** The yellow pine grows most abundantly on the eastern side of the Cascades. It reaches a height of more than 150 feet and can develop a trunk up to three feet thick.

## USDA Rural Development Funds Essential Community Facilities

**By Sandi Boughton**  
*USDA Rural Development*

Washington State USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Programs provides funding assistance for the development or improvement of essential community facilities in unincorporated rural areas, towns and cities of up to 20,000 in population.

These loans and grants help rural communities provide services to remain economically viable and enable rural businesses to provide jobs to area residents.

In 2005, USDA Rural Development Community Facilities obligated \$20.5 million in loan and grant funds for 39 community projects including health care clinics, assisted living projects, fire trucks and stations, and emergency First Responder equipment.

In addition USDA Rural Development made major contributions in Washington State to rural infrastructure. This is done through funding for communications, Distance Learning and Telemedicine, water treatment and Distri-



*In partnership with other providers of financial and technical assistance, USDA Rural Development helped the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation fund a new 720,000 gallon storage tank and stand pipe, refurbishing the existing 115,000 gallon tank, and replacing existing well pumps. USDA Photo by Phil Eggman*

bution, and wastewater treatment and collection.

In 2005, \$12.8 million was obligated by the Rural Utilities Program/ Water

and Environmental Program to fund 19 projects. Funding was used to construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve water or waste disposal facilities.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**The following people contributed to this newsletter: Jacquie Andresen, Bill Cole, Cecilia Gardener, and Bruce Lund, Public Works Board; Cathi Read, CTED; Sandi Boughton, Debbie, Harper, and Phil Eggman, USDA Rural Development. A special thanks to Phil Eggman, newsletter designer. The intent of this newsletter is that it be a work in progress, continually evolving to incorporate the clever ideas of IACC members. Newsletter ideas and suggestions are appreciated, and can be sent to Chris Gagnon at (360) 236-3095 or [chris.gagnon@doh.wa.gov](mailto:chris.gagnon@doh.wa.gov). Past issues are available by visiting the IACC website at [www.infrafunding.wa.gov](http://www.infrafunding.wa.gov).**